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~~SECRET SPOKE~~ FOLLOW-UP NR TWO TO CRITIC 12-72 DTG, 18/2214Z DEC 72. BTWN 2121 Z AND 2219Z, 18 DEC 72, A MINIMUM OF TWELVE B52 ACFT IN FOUR RAIDS WERE REFL ACTIVE OVER NVN AIRSPACE. ALL ACFT ENTERED NVN AIRSPACE FM LAOS AND WERE ACTIVE IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY 20-25N TO 21-25N AND 103-50E TO 105-50E. AT 2210Z A SAM SITE IN THE NAM DINH AREA REPORTED A SHOOTDOWN OF A B-52 ACFT. AT 2217Z BATTLE COMMANDER (TACC-HS) REPORTED THAT ONE B-52, ROSE 01, WAS SHOTDOWN AT 2213Z. POSS REFL OF ROSE CELL WAS INIT AT 2202Z AT 20-48N 104-10E FLYING NORTHEAST TO 21-15N 105-50E AT 2216Z TURNING SOUTH- WEST TO 20-28N 104-50E AT 2219Z WHERE REFL CEASED. ALL OTHER B-52 ACFT WERE REFL RETURNING TO LAOTIAN AIRSPACE. COMMENTS, BTLN 83 OF THE 238TH SAM REGT IS PROB RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHOOTDOWN. PORTIONS OF THIS REPORT BASED ON PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF ABNE INTERCEPT. 320 00023 NHNN

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